

Police Chief Charlie T. Deane is a two-time Commission award recipient. He is being honored for his 42-years of service to the Prince William County Police Department and for providing equitable services to all county residents.

Mary Porter, Maxine Coleman, Zella Brown and Fannie Fitzgerald constituted "The Courageous Four," a group of four African-American teachers who integrated the Prince William County Public Schools in 1964. They are being honored for promoting the smooth transition to desegregated schools.

The Human Rights Study Committee: Donald T. Poe, Chair, Fred Allen, Richard Brown, Jr., Ethel Georges, Provi Gonzales, Bob Prevatte, Herbert A. Rountree, Rajendra P. Singh, Eric Tatum, and Manuel L. Velasquez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2013 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

HONORING STEPHANIE KLANG'S DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a distinguished and accomplished individual from the 7th Congressional District of Missouri, Stephanie Klang.

Stephanie Klang was selected to be a Captain of America's Road Team for 2013–2014. America's Road Team is the premier group of professional truck drivers, with millions of accident free miles, a commitment to community service, and superb record of safety. Stephanie will spend the next two years traveling our nation representing the trucking industry and promoting highway safety to the public.

Stephanie, a resident of Diamond, Missouri and employee of Con-Way Truckload in Joplin, Missouri, is an outstanding driver who is passionate about truck safety advocacy. She exemplifies safety consciousness as the first female in Con-way Truckload history to log more than 2,000,000 miles on America's highways without a preventable crash.

With 32 years of truck driving experience, Stephanie represents her company and the industry with the utmost professionalism. She values her role in ensuring the safety of the motoring public and delivering a highly valuable service to our nation's economy.

Leading by example, Stephanie has helped to elevate the reputation of professional truck drivers everywhere as safe, conscientious professionals. In March, 2012, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman was Stephanie's passenger for the first leg of her trip from Washington D.C., to the Mid-America Trucking Show in Kentucky. At the show, Chairman Hersman called Stephanie out by name during a Women In Trucking event to praise her for staying calm while safely navigating her truck through some of the nation's most congested roadways.

Stephanie has proven that she is a top-notch driver, employee, and safety proponent

for the trucking industry. She is highly dedicated, qualified, and ready to lead on safety issues as she embarks on her new mission as a member of America's Road Team. I am proud of the example that she has set and honored to call her a neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court recognized a woman's right to privacy and protected her freedom to make her own reproductive decisions. With the support of a majority of Americans, my colleagues and I will continue to defend this right and oppose efforts to interfere in a decision between a woman, her family, and her doctor. Let's work together to ensure quality, affordable health care, reduce unplanned pregnancies, and expand assistance to pregnant women and options for adoption.

IN HONOR OF LOIS "PAULINE" NOLAN LARSON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Thoreau famously said most men lead lives of quiet desperation. My mother led a life of quiet inspiration. Thousands gave witness to that and stood in line for more than three hours to pay their final respects to Lois Nolan Larson, affectionately known as Pauline. My family was deeply touched by the outpouring of the community. It was a great tribute to my mother's lifetime commitment to her community. Several kind statements of appreciation were made by elected officials—from the President of the United States to the Governor of our state; from Senators to House Leaders in Congress and members of the Connecticut General Assembly. It was, however, two articles—one by Tom Condon of The Hartford Courant, the other by Bill Doak of our hometown paper, The East Hartford Gazette, that captured the sentiment, feeling and appreciation of an everyday mom who gave to her community and set an example to emulate. The following are those two articles:

[From the Hartford Courant, Oct. 12, 2012]

EAST HARTFORD MOTHER LEFT LEGACY OF
INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

(By Tom Condon)

Democracy works because good people give their time and get involved. At the municipal level, few epitomized the ethic of participation quite like Lois Pauline Nolan Larson of East Hartford, who died this week at 87.

For decades starting in the 1960s, Mrs. Larson, known to all as Pauline, served the town in most of the ways it is possible to serve. She was a member of the town council and the Democratic town committee, on which

she served as vice chairwoman and treasurer. She served on the town's parks and visiting nurse association boards and the cemetery commission. The community center in the Mayberry Village neighborhood where she lived is named in her honor.

She volunteered her time while she and her husband were raising eight children, and while she was battling multiple sclerosis. She inspired two of her children to go into public life. Her son Timothy Larson was mayor of East Hartford for eight years and is now a state representative. Her son John Larson is the seven-term U.S. representative from the 1st District.

John Larson spoke of his mother's battle with declining health in a televised speech at the recent Democratic National Convention, and how she wanted not to be a burden to her family. "Mom, you're not a burden," Larson told the convention crowd. "You're an inspiration."

Many in East Hartford nodded.

[From the East Hartford Gazette, Oct. 18, 2012]

PAULINE LARSON: 'THE LILLY OF MAYBERRY
VILLAGE'

(By Bill Doak)

Mayberry Village is many things. As Congressman John Larson points out, the former apple orchard laid out with a tight-knit net of streets was a federal housing project, cinder block and wood-frame coal-heated homes needed to power The Aircraft with a supply of workers, then returning veterans from World War II. Emigrants from the Canadian provinces and Maine settled in Mayberry along with workers from other factory towns all over Connecticut and Massachusetts, attracted by steady, well-paying work here in East Hartford. Others came displaced by massive highway redevelopment projects right here in East Hartford where Route 2 plowed through the flimsier wood-framed East Hartford Estates located down by the Riverfront and took two-thirds of the town's large mobile home community which extended from Pratt & Whitney to the river, and the wooden, barracks-style homes in what is now McAuliffe Park.

Above the then-new, modern Mayberry Village, roads and homes covered the top of the hill where Laurel Park, a rustic entryway over a bridge across the Hockanum River greeted trolley car day trippers. Homes and families replaced apples and arcades. One constant solidified Mayberry Village: its moms.

One of those fell from the tree of life last Wednesday. Lois "Pauline" Nolan Larson. Yes, she is known to the thousand or so who waited outside D'Esopo's East Hartford Funeral Chapel Sunday as the mother of Mayberry Village, and East Hartford's, only United States Congressman John Larson; former East Hartford Mayor Timothy D. Larson, the first mayor to come out of the Village. But for the other 500 she was also Pauline Larson, the grand dame of East Hartford politics for the past 50 years. Indeed, without her example, Congressman Larson acknowledged from the pulpit of St. Isaac Jogues church Monday, he would not have become the person he is—not the politician he has become—today. And how proud East Hartford would be to hear our John give a "shout out" to his hometown of East Hartford, to Mayberry Village and to his mother specifically on the national stage of the Democratic National Convention last month.

We have heard it suggested that East Hartford would be better off demolishing Mayberry Village. Could happen. East Hartford is far from being a sentimental place. You only have to look at every Redevelopment proposal to see that demolition is right